



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 15, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 34 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 43.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 58.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 69.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin Fire to 76.1 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout Louisiana, with the highest concentration in the south east part of the State with an average of 4.00 inches.

Crop progress for week ending April 15, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, planted	97	95	99	94
Corn, emerged	89	82	93	79
Hay, first cutting	4	1	17	(NA)
Rice, planted	87	76	80	76
Rice, emerged	66	50	65	53
Sorghum, planted	35	15	47	49
Soybeans, planted	16	9	33	18
Soybeans, emerged	6	3	12	4
Winter wheat, headed	89	78	81	69
Winter wheat, coloring	1	0	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending April 15, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	4	46	50	0
Livestock	2	6	37	49	6
Pasture	2	10	36	47	5
Rice	1	8	35	55	1
Sugarcane	0	6	50	35	9
Vegetables	2	12	38	44	4
Winter wheat	2	13	50	35	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Frequent cold fronts bringing rain every 4-6 days has many spring planted crops slow to progress. The sugarcane crop needs warmer conditions, producers do not feel the January freeze hurt stands much. Cattle pastures are green with clover and spring ryegrass but warm season grasses are slow to move with cool conditions. Some cold injury has been noticed in vegetable crops. Soybean planting will be in full swing when field conditions allow.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Cold, wet conditions are slowing the growth of the rice and corn crops as well as most spring vegetable crops. Ryegrass pastures continued providing good grazing with cool conditions.”

– Todd Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“Weekly rainfall has slowed down most fieldwork across the parish. Hay producers are waiting to make their first cutting. Soybean producers need some drier weather to begin planting and finish preparing ground.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Tremendous moisture in region with rain amounts over four inches in surrounding parishes. Most field activities halted because of wet ground.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish



“Several inches of rain over the weekend dampened fields and put a halt to field activities. Sugarcane growers were actively putting out fertilizer and wrapping up soybean planting on fallow ground. Rice planting is nearly complete. The persistence of cool temperatures is extending spring grazing of cool season clover and ryegrass. Cold winds last week caused some minor foliar damage to warm season vegetables like tomatoes and cucumbers.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

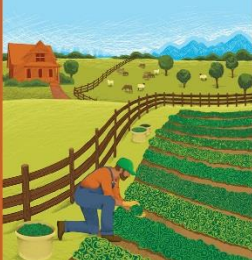
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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending April 15, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	74.5	44.7	59.6	62.2	-2.5	1.35	1	0.31	8.64	4.43
Mooringsport	69.7	45.7	57.7	63.4	-5.9	0.50	1	-0.19	6.05	2.64
Red River	71.0	47.7	59.4	63.7	-4.3	1.19	1	0.12	8.16	4.25
Shreveport	70.4	44.3	57.4	62.9	-5.6	1.11	2	0.22	7.77	4.13
Extreme/Average	71.4	45.6	58.5	63.1	-4.6	1.04	2	0.11	7.66	3.86
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	61.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	69.4	43.7	56.6	60.8	-4.3	1.34	2	0.26	7.30	3.32
Extreme/Average	69.4	43.7	56.6	62.0	-4.3	1.34	2	0.26	7.30	3.32
Northeast										
Lake Providence	71.4	48.0	59.7	63.0	-3.3	1.69	2	0.76	6.93	5.17
St Joseph	72.6	48.3	60.4	64.8	-4.3	1.05	2	-0.01	6.95	2.57
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.16
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	64.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.02	3.86
Extreme/Average	72.0	48.1	60.1	64.0	-3.8	1.37	2	0.38	4.47	2.86
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	63.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	72.6	48.3	60.4	64.5	-4.0	0.40	2	-0.57	10.52	6.51
Natchitoches	73.1	48.6	60.9	65.2	-4.3	1.01	2	-0.27	8.46	2.98
Extreme/Average	72.8	48.5	60.6	64.5	-4.2	0.71	2	-0.42	9.49	4.75
Central										
Alexandria	71.6	49.0	60.3	65.4	-5.2	0.63	2	-0.47	9.97	5.42
Bunkie	73.7	48.3	61.0	65.8	-4.7	0.80	1	-0.11	6.63	2.74
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	71.9	45.9	58.9	64.9	-6.0	1.30	2	0.25	8.66	4.31
New Roads	72.9	52.0	62.4	66.4	-3.9	2.04	1	1.00	4.96	0.92
Extreme/Average	72.5	48.8	60.6	66.0	-5.0	1.19	2	0.17	7.56	3.35
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.79	2.46	-1.41
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.18	2	(NA)	8.21	(NA)
Slidell	72.1	52.7	62.4	66.0	-3.5	4.64	2	3.58	8.12	3.58
Extreme/Average	72.1	52.7	62.4	65.6	-3.5	2.27	2	1.40	6.26	1.08
Southwest										
Crowley	71.2	50.0	60.6	66.9	-6.0	1.30	3	0.39	3.88	0.38
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	70.3	49.9	60.1	66.5	-6.5	0.95	3	0.10	3.39	-0.17
Oberlin Fire	69.1	48.6	58.9	66.4	-7.5	0.88	2	-0.12	4.33	0.46
Extreme/Average	70.2	49.5	59.8	66.4	-6.7	1.04	3	0.12	3.87	0.22
South central										
Donaldsonville	73.0	49.4	61.2	66.4	-5.2	4.80	1	3.77	7.39	3.41
Jeanerette	71.7	51.6	61.6	67.2	-5.5	2.08	2	1.13	4.38	0.72
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	66.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	73.0	55.7	64.4	67.1	-2.7	1.71	2	0.99	5.54	3.63
Extreme/Average	72.6	52.2	62.4	66.8	-4.5	2.86	2	1.96	5.77	2.59
Southeast										
Galliano	72.1	56.6	64.4	67.4	-3.0	3.31	1	2.61	6.23	2.97
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4.30	1	3.14	6.81	2.34
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	76.1	58.1	67.1	(NA)	(NA)	4.38	1	(NA)	6.86	(NA)
Extreme/Average	74.1	57.4	65.8	67.4	-3.0	4.00	1	2.88	6.63	2.66
State	71.8	49.7	60.7	65.2	-4.5	1.74	2	0.74	6.45	2.59

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.